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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Michael R. Tongue on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 12, 1950, in Rockford to Henry and Garland Tongue; he attended Rockford schools and graduated from Auburn High School in 1968; following graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, he was accepted into the 4-year Northern Illinois Joint Apprenticeship Training Program; he graduated in 1973 and worked as a Journeymen Electrician Wireman; and

WHEREAS, As an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) member, Mr. Tongue served his union and was elected to 1975 and 1978 IBEW conventions; he was also elected Treasurer in 1977 for a three-year term and Recording Secretary in 1980 and 1988 for IBEW Local 364; and

WHEREAS, He was hired as the first full-time Training Director for the Northern Illinois Joint Apprenticeship Training Program in July of 1988, where he served until the Spring of 2006; in addition to his responsibilities as Training Director, he served as Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer over 18 years with the Midwest Electrical Training Directors from 1988 to 2006; he was a member of the National Training Directors from 1988 to 2006; and he served on the Winnebago Boone Workforce Investment Board from 2000 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tongue is known for his dedication to helping the apprentices, contractors, union, and community; many of these people will join together to celebrate his retirement on Friday, December 1, 2006; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Michael R. Tongue on the occasion of his
4 retirement; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Mr. Tongue as an expression of our respect and
7 esteem and with best wishes for the future.